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PASSES INTO HISTORY.

The New Year comes. The Old Year goes.

Adown the pathway of the years, Bent beneath his pack of joys and woes, Of Junetide smiles and April tears, Across the fields with snowdrift white, The Old Year passes on tonight. The Old Year goes. The Year stands before the door and waits us here. Ho, bring him in with welcome hands, The Year is dead! Long live the Year.

There was animation in the old town last night. It was not painted red, but there was rejoicing in every section, with and without doors. A majority of the population was on the streets, and nearly every one did something to add to the din. Explosions rent the air, and cow bells were trailed through the streets by bicycles. Improvised bands were formed by white and colored youths by the utilization of fish horns, whistles, and tin vessels of all sorts. The "Calithumpians" had charge, and they marched from street to street letting everyone know they were wide awake until long after the midnight hour. There were two alarms of fire in the meantime, one emanating on north Washington street and the other at midnight while bells were ringing and whistles shrieking the old year out and the new one in.

Many private parties were given in sections of the city, and watch meetings were held in some of the churches.

We have started in the year 1916 under auspicious circumstances. But it is destined to have its joys and sorrows, to have all its predecessors. Let us remember there is a time to laugh and a time to be serious. We can enjoy the former occasions with moderation and rise superior to the rough paths of life if we will.

CONTROVERSY WITH AUSTRIA.

At the beginning of the new year it is refreshing to realize that relations between our country and other nations are tranquil. This reminds us of the good Queen Victoria in her annual speeches to the British Parliament, when she would announce that her Britannic Majesty's kingdom was enjoying pacific relations with all nations. These blessed conditions continued during most of the years of the widowed queen. But how different now! Her grandchildren are thirsting for the blood of each other. A few days ago emissaries of King William attempted to destroy the life of King George, the Kaiser's cousin, and grandson of the late British sovereign, by dropping a bomb near his automobile. He was wounded by the explosion.

But returning to our own relations with other countries. As we have anticipated from the first, Austria has met all the requirements of the United States in the Ancona affair, and there will be no trouble with Francis Joseph's government. It was thought at the first that Austria would show a pacific spirit when the issue was placed in the proper light by President Wilson. The fact that Germany had previously admitted the justice of American notes on similar occasions indicated that her ally would act equally as reasonable.

So long as this war in Europe continues we may expect differences at times between the combatants. But there is no reason for alarm every time some issue is sprung which is not likely to exhaust diplomacy.

There is a disposition upon the part of the thoughtless Americans to exaggerate what they interpret as diplomatic victories every time an issue is satisfactorily adjusted between America and European governments. Such incidents are not victories, they are simply the enjoining of common sense upon which principles all well-disposed diplomats are ever ready to act.

PERPETUATION OF MONROE DOCTRINE.

The saying, "It is an evil wind that brings no good," is aptly illustrated by the American continent at

present. South American republics, which at times have not shown the best spirit toward the mother republic, are realizing the importance of union at this critical juncture in the world's history, incident to the sanguinary war. The proceedings of the Pan-American Scientific Congress in Washington this week have been of an interesting and vital nature. "Pan-Americanism" has been the tocsin, and the responses have been earnest from all the delegates. The importance of standing by each other in emergencies which are liable to be sprung at any time never appealed with such force at similar gatherings.

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Wherever the delegates gathered the director-general's declaration was discussed with the greatest interest, and it was regarded generally as one of the outstanding events of the congress, pointing the way to Pan-American unity. Should the plan of Secretary Lansing that has been talked over by him with representatives at the congress take form, there will never be occasion for war upon the Western Hemisphere and peace will be established upon a footing of sentiment and some form of force. The plan contemplates the use of arbitration to settle boundary disputes that are a frequent occasion for controversy between the Latin-American states.

It also looks toward the refusal of shipments of munitions of war to any set of revolutionists. With the supplies cut off the revolution would languish.

It thus appears as though the newer spirit of Pan-Americanism for the preservation of the Monroe Doctrine and the territorial security of the American republics will be widened out into an agreement whereby the settlement of quarrels will be through arbitration and the revolutionary resource of political discontent will be cut off. Nowhere in the world has the principle of arbitration made equal progress as among the Latin-Americans. The plan advanced by Mr. Lansing is, therefore, in the direction of present tendencies, and would make the United States a party among equal governments to the preservation of the Western world from war among its several members.

CROWNS OF THE CENTRAL POWERS.

A pro-German publication this week contains a picture on the first page which is suggestive in these days of rapid transitions. It represents a rock amid angry billows upon which two crowns are conspicuous, under which are two hands clasped. Over one of them are the initials of Francis Joseph and over the other those of the Kaiser William. On both sides of the rock fierce eagles are represented as shrieking, while they hold sword bayonets in their talons. In the background are murderous looking dreadnaughts. The picture is entitled "The Faithful Allies." The announcement of the main article in the issue appears under this legend. It is "England's Crack of Doom."

We live in a day of remarkable transitions. Crowns were used in China, Turkey, Persia and other countries up to but a few years ago, but such emblems of power are becoming scarcer all the time. In fact it may soon come to pass that such jewels may be exhibited in museums with suits of mail worn by knights errand in the dark ages.

A king of past centuries who dreaded death and who could not bear the thought of lying in a horizontal position, with his toes turned up, conceiving the idea of being interred in a standing position after his decease. He directed that he be placed in a coffin which should be put into a crypt and walled up as a cupboard. He especially directed that he wear his crown royal in his coffin, in the hope his body would become as a mummy or petrified when other generations might gaze upon him as he appeared in the power of his might.

In the course of time many changes took place in his kingdom, and the resting place of the king was finally

invaded by hostile soldiers. The wall was torn away and all left of the late king was found to be a small pyramid of dust upon which the crown rested—only this and nothing more.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Among the honors conferred by King George at the New Year, was the conferring of a baronetcy upon William Waldorf Astor.

It is reported from German sources that Emperor William has summoned a great war council and a similar naval council to be held in Berlin on his birthday, January 27.

An Austrian squadron sank the French submarine Monge in the harbor of Durazzo Wednesday morning a few hours before the naval battle in which two Austrian destroyers were sunk.

Theodore Clewell, 41 years old, a machinist employed at the navy yard swallowed a large quantity of bichloride of mercury Wednesday last, and died at Casualty Hospital Washington early yesterday.

John Mayfield, a farmer, living just north of New Boston, Texas, his wife and their son, L. L. Mayfield, were killed at their home Wednesday night with an ax. A young son, W. J. Mayfield, has been arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder.

Fifteen persons were killed, a score of others injured, some probably fatally, many railroad cars destroyed and other property damage effected in Monterey, Mexico yesterday, when box cars containing dynamite and hand grenades for the Carranza army exploded.

Charles R. Caffrey, 28 years old, a draftsman, employed in an architect's office in F street northwest, Washington, committed suicide early yesterday morning in his room by shooting himself with a revolver. He had been ill recently and had been despondent, fearing the loss of his sight.

Jacob Schwalm, 50 years old, a barber of Cleveland, yesterday killed his son Nicholas, 18 years old, and then committed suicide. The double shooting took place in Schwalm's shop and members of the family say the father killed the boy to prevent his contemplated marriage, to which the parents objected because of the lad's ill health.

William Lorimer, former United States Senator and president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, of Chicago, was formally placed on trial yesterday on a charge of looting the institution of \$2,000,000 in money and securities and the case was then continued to Jan-

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According to the police of South Chicago, eight men were killed and twenty injured in an explosion in the plant of the American Linseed Oil Company at One Hundred and Tenth street and the Calumet River yesterday afternoon. The building caught fire from naphtha in the meta room of the plant.

Gen. Lishun, commanding Chinese government troops in the province of Kiangsi, has it is said declared his independence of Yuan Shi Kai, prospective emperor. Chinese troops have rescued the missionaries at the Scandinavian mission alliance at Patsebo-long, Mongolia. Recent advices were that the mission had been surrounded by bandits.

A wireless dispatch from Berlin, says the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, gives confirmation from an authoritative source of the report that Emperor William is suffering from a boil. The Emperor is not confined to bed. His affection is described as harmless. "The unsettled weather makes it appear advisable that the Emperor should keep to his room for a few days," the message continues. "His work has not been interrupted. He receives his reports daily in the usual way."

The Ford peace party arrived yesterday afternoon at Copenhagen from Stockholm. The ship has been tentatively chartered to take the delegates to The Hague. Only a few are expected to make the voyage to the Dutch capital, however, as about forty members of the party are making preparations to sail for the United States. In addition to the gift of \$2,500 for the Scandinavian peace societies another gift of \$10,000 was wired from the pacifists' special train for charity.

VIRGINIA NEWS

President Wilson's first official New Year's reception was held today in the public lounge of the hotel at Hot Springs, where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon.

A telegram received in Richmond Thursday evening from New Orleans gave information of the accidental death there of Luther W. Templeman. Mr. Templeman was a native of Fauquier county, thirty-two years old.

In an explosion yesterday morning in the nitrating house No. 4, at the Du Pont plant at Hopewell, two men were seriously burned and several others were overcome by the fumes of the sulphuric acid. The explosion was caused by the overfilling of a large acid retort.

Miss Rawson Prentiss Kay, daughter of Mrs. J. Murray Kay, of Brook-

line, Mass., was married Wednesday afternoon to Alvin Voris Baird, of Delaplane. Mr. Baird is a practicing attorney in New York and Virginia, and a member of the Fauquier County Club, of Virginia.

Despondent because of ill health Alexander C. Stallings, of Norfolk, committed suicide yesterday morning by blowing out his brains with a doublebarrel shotgun. The act was committed in the same room where his 17 year old daughter shot herself to death about five years ago, because of ill health. He leaves a widow and several children.

Officials of the Navy Department who were willing to comment upon the method employed of enforcing the interment of the officers and crews of the two German men-of-war at Norfolk insist that such steps as have been taken were necessary to prevent further desertions. It was admitted that the espionage detailed in The Sun this morning is, on its fact, more or less farcical, but officials here say that it has justified itself to the extent that no more Germans have taken French leave and that no complaints have been made by the interned Germans themselves.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Towns and Villages in Mexico Destroyed by Disturbance

San Salvador, Salvador, Jan. 1.—The recent earthquake which completely destroyed the old town of Gracias, Honduras, also wiped out the villages of Talgua, Flores and San Sebastian, all within the Gracias district.

The villages were in the mountains and news of their destruction has just reached here. Although small, they were very old, like Gracias itself, which was founded in 1536 and at one time was the seat of government for all this part of Central America.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Pronounced tremors, indicating an earthquake, were recorded at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning on the seismograph at St. Ignatius College. The location of the quake could not be established.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—An earthquake shock lasting 15 minutes was recorded at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the seismograph of the St. Louis University. The direction apparently was southeast by south and the distance approximately 1,700 miles from St. Louis. For four days the seismograph has been restless.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 1.—An earthquake shock preceded by pronounced tremors for 48 hours was recorded on the seismograph at Canisius College yesterday.

UNITED PAN-AMERICA

Director John Barrett Delivers Significant Address Yesterday

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was selected as the meeting place in 1918 of the twentieth annual convention of the congress. During the four days which the present congress has been in session more than 150 papers covering every conceivable subject relating to Indian tribes of North, South and Central America were presented by America's best known anthropologists and ethnologists. The congress meets every two years.

Oysters in All Styles At The Ram. mel Cafe.

GREECE PROTESTS AT ARREST.

Officials of Central Powers in Saloniki Seized as Sequel to Aero Raids.

London, Jan. 1.—Greece has protested against the arrest of the consuls of the central powers and their allies at Saloniki, which it terms a violation of Greece's sovereign rights, says Reuter's Athen correspondent.

The arrest of the German, Austrian Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Saloniki, on orders given by Gen. Sarraill, the French commander, reported early today from that city, were the outgrowth of a German aeroplane attack upon the city which was considered an act of belligerency, according to a dispatch to the Evening News from Saloniki today.

British and French troops surrounded the consulates, arrested all the members of their staffs and seized the archives, the dispatch states.

Benin, Jan. 1.—Advices received from Athens by the Overseas News agency state that the Greek government has made a second protest against the fortification by the allies of the territory surrounding Sa-

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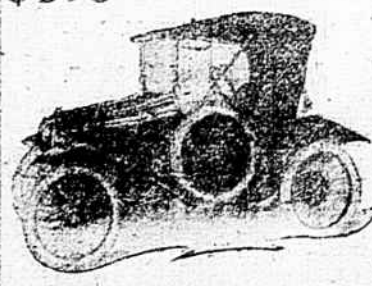
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